

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD
MEETING
IN BOARD OF FF PERSONNEL
STANDARDS & EDUCATION**

GRISSOM AEROPLEX
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**May 22, 2003
10:00 a.m.**

**A. Pursuant to IC 22-12-3-6, the regular scheduled meeting of the IN Board of
Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education convened at 10:05 a.m. with
Chairperson Paul Covington presiding.**

a. The following Board members were present:

M. Tracy Boatwright

Paul Covington

Don Hall

Thomas Hanify

Tom Loraine

Jerry Nulliner

Patrick Ralston

b. The following Board members were absent:

Bernice Clark

Patrick Donoghue

Jack Kerney

Darrick Scott

c. Also Present

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B. Roll Call was taken with a quorum of seven

C. Minutes of April 7, 2003 Board meeting; Monthly Statistical Report April, 2003

a. Tom Loraine made a motion to accept the April 7, 2003 minutes as printed and distributed. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the April, 2003 statistical report as printed and distributed. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Variances, Hearings and Appeals

a. Mark Oster requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon having completed and receiving a degree in Applied Fire Science from Ivy Tech College.

Patrick Ralston made a motion to approve the variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III on staff recommendation. Tom Loraine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Report by Patrick Ralston, Executive Director, SEMA/DFBS/PSTI

Director Ralston thanked Brad Thatcher and his staff for the excellent job they have done in coordinating the program today at Grissom.

In May, Director Ralston was in Seattle participating as an official observer for the Gillmore Commission for Top Off Two. He then went to Chicago and finished the week for Top Off Two.

\$11.9 million dollars from an ODP Grant Part One has been approved for our agency. 80% of this money will go to local jurisdictions. There is a 45 day time period to apply for a \$30 million Grant Part Two. 80% of this money will go to local jurisdictions for personal protection gear.

Director Ralston thanked Manuela Johnson, Mike Bigler and Larry Copely and others on the committee for their work with local jurisdictions in following guidelines for the purchase of personal protection gear.

Senate Bill #216 passed through the Legislature. This bill addressed statewide mutual aid for every county and jurisdiction.

House Bill #1106 passed and was signed into law.

A brief overview of Legislative Bills will be sent to Board members.

The Fire Marshal has two Inspector positions and one Day Care Supervisor position open.

Bud Olson who was an Inspector with the Marshal's office for many years passed away on Monday May 19, 2003.

F. State Fire Marshal Report Tracy Boatwright

The Fire Marshal's office has received 17 SENS-IR machines. Mike Bigler has given training on the machines in Columbus, Vincennes and at IGCS.

Hoosier Burn Camp will be held May 25 - 30 at Camp Tecumseh, North of Lafayette. Visitors Day will be held on May 28.

House Bill #1335 passed. It dealt with State Fire Marshal powers concerning haz-mat training and response.

A brief description of all legislation will be sent to the Board members.

The 2000 International Fire, Building, Mechanical and Plumbing codes are now in effect.

G. Public Safety Training Institute Report Ivan Nevil

Randy Wood has now completed his Haz Mat Technician course. He is now rewriting practical skills for the 2002 edition of Haz Mat Tech.

Jim Schneider and Ivan went to National Fire Academy. They were working on Fire Grant requests. Indiana had 525 applications.

The task force is working on the #1006 and #1670 standards. The awareness section is done. A meeting for the Operations #1670 section is scheduled for July 16 at Pike F.D. It should be finished at that time. Technician level is already done.

Randy Wood and Jim Schneider are doing extensive Haz Mat training with INDOT, State Police, Emergency Management agencies and some Public Works departments.

PSTI has hired a new secretary Pou Lay.

H. Administrative Proceedings - none at this time.

I. Old Business

a. IFSAC - Paul Covington - Paul, Jerry Nulliner and Jim Schneider attended the IFSAC Conference in Portland.

Indiana is scheduled for a reaccreditation site visit in January, 2004. The site team leader will be Allen Jones from Utah.

Ivan asked the Board to approve \$100.00 expenditure for an administrative review of Driver/Operator Pumper. Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the expenditure. Jerry Nulliner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Covington announced that he has been elected to the IFSAC Board of Governors.

The IFSAC Conference in 2004 will be held in Oklahoma City. Indianapolis will be hosting the IFSAC Conference in 2005. Tom Hanify offered to host a reception possibly in conjunction with the Union and the State Fire Marshal.

b. FO I/II committee - No report at this time.

c. Fire Academy Study - No report at this time.

J. New Business

a. Grissom Aeroplex Presentation - Jim Tidd with the Redevelopment Authority at Grissom Aeroplex. - Jim Tidd gave an overview of land and buildings available to the state of Indiana to develop a Fire Academy. A tour was available to anyone who wanted to visit the sites available to the state.

b. Compromise of testing material - Ivan gave each Board member a copy of a letter sent to him by Commander, Crane Div, Naval Surface Warfare who was concerned about one of their tests being compromised. A copy of Ivan's response to the Commander was also included. Don Hall made a motion to support Ivan's position to the Commander regarding this issue. Tom Loraine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Adjournment There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.